

In reference to the NPRM docket 05-235;

I FULLY AGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL!

It is simply amazing to read the comments from persons against the proposal. Most can not use correct spelling however they want to keep Morse Code (CW) as a requirement. **I truly believe those people should spend as much time and effort learning to spell as they did learning the code.** *What an embarrassment to the hobby!* In case of an emergency I do believe it would be a **MUST** to send the proper spelling of words if indeed code had to be used!!

Some CW operators are moaning about things that are not even involved! **The CW Bands are not going away, only the CW testing for the license is changing!**

The rate of new amateur radio users is not increasing at a desirable rate due to the conduct and attitudes of most of the existing CW operators.

The silence on the bands speaks VOLUMES to those of us wishing to save a dying hobby, and it is clearly stating, the lack of interest in this hobby is astonishing! CW operators need to understand the traditional "ham radio" operators seem to be a dying breed and if they wish to keep it alive they need to adapt to the changing times, and be encouraged by the progress being made and the number of people interested and caring enough in the hobby to pursue modern changes.

The beliefs of most of the CW operators seem to be everyone needs to know the code to get the General and Extra licenses simply because they had to at the time they wanted those particular licenses. Does that mean since these operators had equipment which was of lesser quality than the present equipment at the time they tested for these licenses, everyone should continue to use what they had available to them at that time instead of using the present equipment with advanced technology simply because they had to? **How absurd!**

Stop with all the **WHINING** and get on board with the changing times. Help amateur radio bounce back to the exciting hobby it used to be. I have heard CW operators comparing amateur radio with CB radio operation and claiming that as the direction amateur radio is headed. Well, I do not believe that will happen simply because code knowledge is dropped from the licensing requirement, however, I have also heard conversations on CB radios are still very active, which is more than I can say for amateur radio most of the time! **What good does it do to have a license with or without knowing code if there is no one on the bands to hear it?**

With the turmoil of today's world the hobby could use all the positive reinforcement and licensed users it can get!

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